

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. FOSTER OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle E of title XVI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1643. STUDY ON TESTING PROGRAM OF GROUND-**
2 **BASED MIDCOURSE MISSILE DEFENSE SYS-**
3 **TEM.**

4 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall enter
5 into an arrangement with the Institute for Defense Anal-
6 yses under which the Institute shall carry out a study on
7 the testing program of the ground based midcourse missile
8 defense system.

9 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a)
10 shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment of whether the testing pro-
12 gram described in subsection (a) has established, as
13 of the date of the study, that the ground-based mid-
14 course missile defense system will perform reliably
15 and effectively under realistic operational conditions,
16 including an explanation of the degree of confidence
17 supporting such assessment.

1 (2) An assessment of whether the currently
2 planned testing program, if implemented, is suffi-
3 cient to establish that the ground-based midcourse
4 missile defense system will perform both reliably and
5 effectively against current and plausible near- and
6 medium-term ballistic missile threats under realistic
7 operational conditions, and if any gaps are identi-
8 fied, an evaluation of what improvements could be
9 made to the testing program to achieve reasonable
10 confidence that the system would be reliable and ef-
11 fective under realistic operational conditions.

12 (3) Any necessary recommendations to improve
13 the effectiveness and reliability of the ground-based
14 midcourse missile defense system.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
17 to the congressional defense committees a report con-
18 taining the study.

